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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:	)	<b>CONFIRMATION NO.: 8593</b>
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<b>Brigitte Bathe, et al.</b>	)	Examiner: Kathleen Kerr
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App. No.: 09/942,935	)	Group Art Unit: 1652
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Filed: August 31, 2001	)	

For: NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES CODING FOR THE sigM GENE

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

A response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2005 is due by April 13, 2005.

Therefore, please accept this Amendment as timely filed and fully responsive.

In response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2005, kindly amend the  
above-identified patent application as follows.